

**ABSTRACT**

An apparatus and method for management of nosocomial infections associated with indwelling catheters, in which an antimicrobial agent-based infection intervention device, such as an iodine-bearing flexible rod, may be inserted, dwell within the catheter lumen, and  
5 be removed through a side arm tube extending from the side of the catheter. The apparatus and method minimize interference with the use of the catheter lumen for other medical procedures, eliminates undesired exposure of the proximal end of the catheter lumen to the atmosphere, and/or prevents back-bleeding of fluids from the proximal end of the catheter lumen during insertion or removal of the antimicrobial agent-based intervention device.

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